

Helping Students Succeed During the Pandemic

Information for Community Partners

Children will experience school in a much different way this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but they still have the right to an education. Legal Aid offers education advocacy to help students achieve academic success and family stability.

Legal Aid addresses educational barriers, including:

COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Issues: Trouble with remote instruction or learning, missing services/assessments because of remote learning

Access to School: Enrollment, Transportation, English Language Learners

Special Education & Academic Success: Children who already receive special education and those who are waiting to be identified as a child with a disability

School Discipline & Student Safety: Suspensions, proposed expulsions, emergency removals, and other exclusion from the classroom (in-person or online)

Questions to Help Identify Barriers

- Is the child's school conducted in-person, remote, or a combination? Does the child have the tools to complete their work, like a computer or internet access? Has remote learning impacted the child's academic success?
- If the child/family needs interpretation in

a language other than English, is the school communicating with the family in language they understand? Is the child receiving special services to learn English?

- If the child is struggling academically or behaviorally, has the school met with the parent to problem-solve and discuss interventions? If interventions have been implemented, are they sufficient to help the child?
- If the child receives special education, is the child receiving the services listed in their IEP? If the child needs additional help, is the school responsive to parent requests for help?
- Is the school excluding the child from in-person classes and requiring them to participate in remote learning?

Contact Us

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